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Sir

You are probably aware that the receipts from Subscribers to the Liberator, have never been sufficient to support it. It has seemed to the friends of Messrs. Garrison & Knapp here, that they ought not to suffer pecuniary loss from their long continued and disinterested exertions in the cause of Abolition. But it is needless for us to speak of their labors & sufferings in the great work which their publication has so essentially aided, since they must be well known to you.

The undersigned were appointed a Committee at a meeting of the friends of the Liberator to solicit subscriptions for paying off the debts of Messrs. Garrison & Knapp. We find their debts, as nearly as can be ascertained, about $3214.50, and the means of payment we have estimated at $1238, leaving a deficiency of very nearly $2000. We propose therefore to raise the sum of $2000 by subscription. We are happy to add that some of the principal Creditors have agreed to relinquish a very large part of their demands, and that some other subscriptions towards liquidating the debts have already been obtained. Two gentlemen have agreed to pay each one twentieth part of all the debts of Garrison & Knapp & another has offered to pay a like amount, if the remainder should be subscribed within thirty days from the time when he made his proposal.

If you or any of your friends are desirous of contributing towards paying off the debts of Messrs. Garrison & Knapp, you can enclose any amount you please to S. E. Sewall, 21 State Street, who will see that it is faithfully applied to the proposed object. We shall be much obliged if you will acquaint any friends of the Liberator in your neighbourhood with this communication.

The prospects of the Liberator were never so good as at present, and we have good reason for believing that no further call for extraordinary assistance will ever again be made upon its friends.

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